

Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

**Robert C. Ziobro,**

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 041097B]

**Endangered Species; Permits**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application for a research permit (P45Z).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Jorgen E. Skjeveland of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P45Z) has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before May 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Jorgen E. Skjeveland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P45Z), requests a research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The applicant requests a five year permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon to determine the status of the species in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay with emphasis on the waters around the Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG). The

sturgeon will be tagged, measured, tissue sampled and released to collect range, migration and genetic information, and to identify dredged material disposal sites that will have minimal environmental impact to sturgeon species.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 10, 1997

**Robert C. Ziobro,**

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** Friday, April 25, 1997 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Closed to the Public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Compliance Status Report*

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 97-12]

**Section 36(b)(1) Arms Sale Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/FPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-12, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

In reply refer to: I-04140/97.

April 8, 1997.

Honorable Newt Gingrich,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, D.C. 20515-6501.*

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 97-12, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$200 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Rhame,  
*Lieutenant General, USA, Director.*

Attachments

Same ltr to:

House Committee on International Relations

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

House Committee on National Security

Senate Committee on Armed Services

House Committee on Appropriations

**Transmittal No. 97-12**

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Israel.

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*